

# CONSTITUTION

of the

## Huntington Family Association

(Approved August 11, 2001)

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of this organization shall be the Huntington Family Association.

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

The purpose of this educational, genealogical, non-profit Association shall be to accurately establish, record and perpetuate information concerning the lineage and history of the Huntington Family in America, and to disseminate this information among its members.

### ARTICLE III

#### Genealogy

The Association desires to make and maintain contact with all Huntington descendants bearing the Huntington surname, and also those not further than two generations away from forebears bearing the Huntington surname at birth - that is, those having a grandparent born with the Huntington surname. The Association solicits genealogical data from any credible source on the foregoing descendants. In addition, it welcomes contact from Huntington descendants "more than two generations from the Huntington surname" who themselves submit data tracing their lines of descent from a forbear of Huntington surname.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Membership

**Section 1.** Membership in the Association shall be open to any descendant of Simon Huntington and Margaret Baret, to any other person bearing the name of Huntington, and to the husband or wife of any of the persons above mentioned.

**Section 2.** Membership shall be of two general classes: (1) annually-paid memberships and (2) life memberships, under which a larger initial payment obviates further payments. Membership in either of these classes entitles that person to one vote at any Association business meeting, and is a prerequisite for holding office in the Association.

**Section 3.** Life membership shall be granted to those who have paid annual dues for 20 years.

**Section 4.** Any other person or organization who expresses an interest in this Association may become an associate member. Associate membership consists of the same two classes mentioned in Section 2 above. Associate members shall have all of the privileges of membership except that they shall not be entitled to vote or hold office. They also do not have their ancestry recorded in our records.

**Section 5.** Membership benefits include: a) Discount on books or other publications, b) Newsletter mailings, and c) Placement of free genealogical queries in the Newsletter relating to Huntington lineage, on a space-available basis.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Dues**

**Section 1.** Annual, Life, and Associate membership dues are to be determined by the Executive Committee, subject to ratification at the following Reunion of the Association.

**Section 2.** Membership in the Association shall lapse unless the dues payment is made within six months of the time when notice of payment due is sent out by the Secretary-Treasurer, but may be restored by payment of current dues.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Reunions**

Reunions shall be held at the nominal frequency of once in five years, at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, a first, second, and a third Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Historian, whose duties shall be those which ordinarily pertain to these offices.

**Section 2.** Election of officers shall be by vote at the Association's business meeting held during each reunion. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

**Section 3.** It shall be the duty of a nominating committee of three members appointed by the President, to furnish to the Secretary-Treasurer a written list of one or more candidates for each office. Nomination of candidates for office may also be made by any member of the Association, provided such nominations be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer

before the time of election. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to obtain the consent of all candidates nominated for office after which he shall present to the Association a list of all candidates nominated for office, whereupon officers shall be elected in the manner prescribed by Section 2 of this Article.

**Section 4.** In case any office becomes vacant by death or otherwise, the Executive Committee shall have power to fill it.

**Section 5.** The Association authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer and the Historian to appoint one official assistant each, who shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Executive Committee**

The affairs of the Association shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers already named. This committee shall meet at the call of the President or Secretary-Treasurer, and when more appropriate, may conduct any required business by mail circulation. It shall have full power in all respects during the interval between reunions, except that it shall not incur indebtedness in excess of the receipts from fees or other sources, nor shall it pledge the Association to any new policies without the vote of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments**

The Constitution may be amended at any reunion by a majority vote of those members present and voting. All proposed amendments must first be submitted to the Executive Committee for review prior to the reunion's business meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Dissolution**

If for any reason whatsoever this Association chooses, or is forced to terminate its existence, all monetary assets shall be donated to one or more non-profit organizations as officially recognized by the IRS and as selected by the Executive Committee members present at the time of dissolution. Any genealogical publications or other books on hand shall be distributed to a wide geographic range of libraries as selected by the Executive Committee.